

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Prior Application:
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John E. EBY et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1732
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Continuation Application of)	Examiner: A. Kuhns
Serial No.: 08/996,701)	
Filed: December 23, 1997)	
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Filed: April 7, 1999)	
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For: METHOD OF MAKING A)	
SURFACE COVERING HAVING)	
A NATURAL APPEARANCE)	
(AS AMENDED))	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8 and 11-20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims 21-32.

--21. A method of making a surface covering having multiple layers and an
embossed design, comprising the steps of:

chemically embossing one of said multiple layers, and